

Southwest Interagency Coordination Group

Meeting Notes – Phoenix 2/28/2005

Attendance:

Pam McAlpin - BLM AZ
Bob Lee - BLM NM
Willie BeGay - BIA SWCC
Leon Ben - BIA WRO
John Philbin - BIA WRO
Ken Castro - NPS WRO
Dave Bervin - State of NM
Tom Beddow - FS SWRO
Ginger Brudevold - FS SWRO
Curtis Heaton - FWS
Dugger Hughes - BLM SWCC
Jeff Whitney - FWS

Follow-up Items:

1. Willie; the letter is being drafted for the review and solicitation of support for SW Type 2 IA Crews.
2. Committee Chair - Bill Waterbury has begun to organize the operations task committee. Communications and Fire Business have no action.-
3. Information Committee – No action
4. SWFCO - No action
5. AD Zone Hosting – Dugger presented the draft letter to go to the Zone Boards. He is asking for review by the SWICG.
6. AD Hiring – No action necessary. Tom discussed the issue of AD support by the Cibola NF and the rest of the FS FMO's.
7. IMT Size – No formal response to the SWICG by NMAC. We have received the NMAC response to the issues but not our request for 13 additional positions to be added when IMT's come to the SW GACC. Pam will follow up with NMAC.

FPA Update: Ginger Brudevold

**Map Handout...

**FPA Status BP....

*Suggestions from Steering Committee is to continue to move aggressively even though the budget submission.

*Some issues in the Arizona Strip for who will model lands in AZ that are managed by the Northern regions.

*Requests from the Steering Committee to the National Group is for timely lessons learned from the prototype FPU's. This should include a review of the FPU boundaries to determine if they met the intent of the modeling.

*Training now being scheduled for hands on users. There is a need to develop a Managers Course. The SW Steering Committee has volunteered to put that Managers course on for Boise.

*Historical Analysis are critical training needs and the SW Steering group feels they have capacity to put on more HA training. PM is also critical, however SW Steering is not ready to put this on yet, but coming soon.

*Tech Notes are published on the SWCG Web page.

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*Dan Winner has established a spreadsheet for each state when the groups are ready for the state to be included in the analysis.

*Positive notes....GIS coordination between agencies is generating common boundary lines...Historical records are being cleaned up across boundary lines.

*Helen Graham (vise Fisher) hired for BLM AZ.

BIA Position on SWICG: Willie

**Willie will no longer represent the three Regional BIA Offices and will be replaced by

**Representatives from;

SW Regional Office

Navajo

Western Regional Office

**Leo Ben will coordinate with the three Regional Offices on who will be the reps and the Vice Chair.

**Willie will remain as the MAC Group Representative for the BIA.

Hiring AD's Letter: Dugger

**Draft Letter offered. Dugger is asking for review and comments to the draft letter.

Funding for RAWs: Dugger

*14 Stations are identified as way out of wack on readings in some case due to sighting of the old station. New stations will be sited to do a comparison analysis between the two stations. Dugger presented a handout of the costs associated with shipping and maintenance planning.

*The discussion was around the cost per unit and needs staff work from the Agencies to determine funding availability. Chuck will follow-up with BLM, BIA and FS in one week.

520/620 Nominations: Bob Lee

**Candidates have gone to 520/620, failed and Senior Fire Leadership was surprised at their acceptance but not surprised at their performance. The Training Committee charter will be reviewed to see what needs to be addressed in order to have Board oversight and approval prior to be forwarded to NAFRI. Bob will call Roger Corner than draft a letter for Board approval with the intended audience, NAFRI.

Prevention Teams: Bob Lee

**Draft handout for Board Review "Wildland Fire Prevention and Education Teams". Bob suggests that any prevention teams ordered build from the Unit up. Role and Responsibility for Prevention Teams and How to Order guide is included in the handout.

Williams-Gateway Mob Center and Tanker Base: Dugger Hughes

**facility is available at the base for 10-20 crews

**\$18,000 per month for short term lease

**Owner of facilities offered to build to suit in the future.

**AZNG facility is over crowded and not a good site.

**Pam, Dugger and Tom to call BOI for national options. Information will go back to Pam within two weeks.

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IHC Certification: Dugger Hughes

**Several IHC's in the GACC will be losing their certification and be reduced to "trainee status". SW GACC will adhere to the standards without question; however the SWICC will provide immediate recert review when appendix c is sent into SWCC by the crew superintendent.

Maricopa County Sheriff's Mountain SAR - Tim Kovacs

**National Mountain Rescue Association worked on establishing coordination standards to better integrate with Wildland Fire Incidents.

**Some members within the association are red carded firefighter II. Scott Hunt, Arizona State Lands has coordinated the training for Maricopa County.

**ICS is used as the appropriate management structure. Mirrors the federal structure.

**MMR is qualified in high angle rescue, confined space (caves), alpine and swift water.

**Helicopter Transport is the most frequent source of SAR injury and fatality.

**MCSO follow IHOG and IHPOS as their baseline for pilot and flight crew standards.

**Contact Information

602-876-1030 MCSO Radio

1-800-352-4553 MCSO toll free

**Tom will work with FS Aviation and Az State Aviation to check agreement opportunities with MCSO.

BIN

**Central Arizona and Northern Arizona Joint Team Meeting: John Philbin

*would like to see more joint team meetings in the future.

**QFFR - Quadrennial Fuels and Fire Review

...final product will be out soon.

(T.Beddow)